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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AMBASSADOR APPROVES SUBMISSION OF MESSAGE ON NATIONAL-
ITIES CONTAINED IN YOUR 02644, WITH ONE CHANGE. REGARDING
THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE MOVE TOWARD A CONSULATE IN TASH-
KENT, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE DO THIS ONLY
AFTER MAKING ANOTHER TRY FOR A POST ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

2. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT THE CHIEF OF FUNAFUTI ISLAND IN
TUVALU MIGHT HAVE VISITED MOSCOW IN DECEMBER 1977 TO TALK
WITH SOVIETS ABOUT SOVIET NAVAL OR FISHING USE OF THE FUNA-
FUTI LAGOON. SOUNDS FISHY TO US. DID THE EMBASSY SPOT ANY
GRASS SKIRTS IN MOSCOW DURING DECEMBER? ANYTHING YOU MIGHT
DIG UP ON THIS WOULD BE WELCOME. VANCE

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